

STRATEGIC PLANNING AGENDA: SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

SC Commission on Higher Education

5 June 2014

FOUR KEY PRIORITIES

Agenda you developed at your October 2013 retreat and confirmed at your November 2013 meeting:

- 1. Strengthen Academic Planning*
- 2. Develop New Higher Education Funding Models/Accountability-Based Funding (ABF)*
- 3. Improve P-20 Collaboration*
- 4. Improve Monitoring of Non-Public Education Providers*

PRIORITY #1: STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC PLANNING

Action Items:

- ☒ *Clarify standards & criteria & required data*
- ☒ *Continue to improve new program approval processes*
- ☒ *Prepare regulatory changes as needed in 2014 for legislative approval in 2015*
- ☐ *Audit new program performance against those standards & criteria*

PRIORITY #1: STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC PLANNING

Developments:

- ↑ CAAL clarification of specific data measures required for program approval
- ↑ Task force of provosts formed to re-assess academic program approval process; report to be reviewed at June ACAP meeting
- ↑ Determination of limited statutory and regulatory changes needed to improve planning processes
- ↓ Unsuccessful attempt to develop multi-institutional strategy to academic needs of Low Country
- ↓ Limited CHE role in consideration of fourth research university

PRIORITY #2: PREPARE NEW HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING MODELS/ABF

Action Items:

- ☒ *Brief Commissioners on current status of ABF*
- ☒ *Convene university presidents to review accountability-based funding concepts and gauge level of continuing support*
- ☒ *Complete and submit study of institutional funding parity*
- ☒ *Complete and submit impact study of year-round scholarship eligibility*
- ☐ *Consider strategy to inform/educate legislators on HE bond bill process*

PRIORITY #2: PREPARE NEW HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING MODELS/ABF

Developments:

- ↑ Testimony before multiple House and Senate committees stressed need for new approaches to higher ed funding
- ↑ Presidents Council discussed ABF, parity, and other funding strategies; will convene budget workshops with presidents by sector/system in summer to align FY16 requests
- ↓ CHE FY15 budget priority for its Affordability Initiative not supported in Governor's, House, or Senate budgets
- ↓ Mixed support in FY15 budget for higher education
- ↓ House mandated efficiency studies to identify higher ed savings
- ↓ ABF bills did not pass this legislative session

PRIORITY #3: IMPROVE P-20 COLLABORATION

Action Items:

- ☑ *Create reciprocal engagement of SDE and CHE on each other's boards*
- ☑ *Create a P-20 Council upon recommendation of CAAL*
- ☑ *Establish quarterly one-on-one meetings between CHE Executive Director and SDE Superintendent*
- ☐ *Increase data sharing with high schools about student performance in college*

PRIORITY #3: IMPROVE P-20 COLLABORATION

Developments:

- ↑ SDE Board Chair met with CHE at its January meeting; CHE chair reciprocated at SDE in February
- ↑ Academic Affairs chairs of both boards attend meetings, consider common issues
- ↑ Council of P-20 Education Agency Heads accepted by all six agencies; first meeting this summer
- ↑ CHE joins SDE, EOC, & TCS representatives on Special Assessment Panel to help select new K-12 assessment system for college and career readiness
- ↑ New Center of Excellence for college and career readiness
- ↑ New position in Academic Affairs jointly selected and funded by CHE and SDE

PRIORITY #4: IMPROVE MONITORING OF NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION PROVIDERS

✕ Action Items:

- ☒ *Clarify standards & criteria & required data*
- ☐ *Audit new program performance against those standards & criteria*
- ☐ *Streamline processes for probation & revocation*
- ☐ *Prepare regulatory changes as needed in 2014 for legislative approval in 2015*
- ☐ *Improve dissemination of performance data*

PRIORITY #4: IMPROVE MONITORING OF NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION PROVIDERS

Developments

- ↑ CAAL clarification of specific data measures required for program approval
- ↑ Compliance and enforcement successes against illegal training schools with help of state and local law enforcement
- ↑ Collaboration with Dept of Commerce for expedited review of non-credit innovation centers
- ↑ InfiLaw case sharpened the issues, but differing approaches to their resolution

INTERIM REPORT CARD

1. *Academic Planning*

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2. *Funding Models*

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3. *P-20 Collaboration*

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4. *Non-Public Providers*

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NEXT STEPS

- ✘ Press on with current initiatives
- ✘ Pursue statutory and regulatory reforms, as appropriate
- ✘ Evaluate the agenda during September's strategic planning retreat, make course corrections, consider new priorities
- ✘ Align FY16 budget request with strategic agenda